

Judicial Facts and Figures

Judicial Facts and Figures is a set of [tables](#) containing historical caseload data primarily for the fiscal years 1990, 1995 and 2000 through 2005. All tables are in PDF. This publication includes data on the U.S. Courts of Appeals, the U.S. District Courts, and the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts.

The sources for the data were the [Annual Report of the Director](#), the [Judicial Business of the United States Courts](#), [Federal Court Management Statistics](#) and a few unpublished statistical tables. Specific data sources are noted on each table for easy reference. Except where specifically stated, data were compiled from the published report of the fiscal year noted (i.e., 1995 data are from the 1995 *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts*). There have been minor revisions to some numbers in subsequent publications. For example, pending data are frequently revised in the subsequent publication. In addition, when the reporting period was changed in 1992 from the twelve month period ending June 30 to September 30, a number of filing totals for the previous years were revised in the *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts*. Several tables in this report include data that reflect the revisions.

Judicial Facts and Figures does not offer an analysis of the federal caseload changes, although significant fluctuations in the data and corresponding explanations are noted on the tables. More detailed information can be found in the *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts* for the year(s) in which the fluctuation(s) occurred. Questions concerning this report can be referred to the Judgeship Analysis Staff at 202-502-1180.

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Total Judicial Officers. Courts of Appeals, District Courts, Bankruptcy Courts

Fiscal Year	Courts of Appeals			District Courts							Bankruptcy Courts		
				Article III Judges			Magistrate Judges						
	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Senior Judges w/ staff	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Senior Judges w/ staff	Authorized Positions			Recalled Judges	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Recalled Judges
							Full-Time	Part-Time	Clerk/ Magistrate Judge				
1990	168	158	63	575	541	201	329	146	8	5	291	289	13
1995	179	168	81	649	603	255	416	78	3	16	326	315	23
2000	179	156	86	655	612	274	466	60	3	23	325	307	30
2001	179	147	93	665	590	281	471	59	3	28	324	312	30
2002	179	155	92	665	637	285	486	51	3	24	324	280	31
2003	179	160	91	680	651	275	491	49	3	40	324	309	35
2004	179	166	102	679	664	291	500	45	3	32	324	313	35
2005	179	167	100	678	642	292	503	45	3	34	352	315	32
*Percent Change - 2005 over 1990													
	6.5%	5.7%	58.7%	17.9%	18.7%	45.3%	52.9%	-69.2%	-	580.0%	21.0%	9.0%	146.2%

*Percentage is not computed when the total is fewer than 10.

Source: Text Narrative and Tables - Annual Report of the Director.

Table 2.1

U.S. Courts of Appeals (Excludes Federal Circuit). Appeals Filed, Terminated, Pending -- *Summary*

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed	Terminated	Pending	Per Panel **		
					Filed	Terminated	Pending
1990*	156	40,893	38,961	32,589	786	749	627
1995	167	50,072	49,805	37,536	899	895	674
2000	167	54,697	56,512	40,410	983	1,015	726
2001	167	57,464	57,422	40,303	1,032	1,032	724
2002	167	57,555	56,586	40,965	1,034	1,017	736
2003	167	60,847	56,396	44,600	1,093	1,013	801
2004	167	62,762	56,381	51,071	1,127	1,013	917
2005	167	68,473	61,975	57,724	1,230	1,113	1,037

*Twelve month period ended June 30.

** Assumes every case requires a three-judge panel.

Source: *Federal Court Management Statistics* and Statistical Table B-1